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The Blue Beetle Returns!

One of the first and foremost super-heroes, the ***Blue Beetle*** has inspired the imaginations of writers and artists since the early 1940s. In the mid-1960s, Spider-Man co-creator Steve Ditko and his friend D.C. Glanzman *re*-created the Beetle to widespread acclamation, and *this* Blue Beetle appeared in the history-making ***Crisis on Infinite Earths,*** then again last month in the *sensational* second issue of ***Secret Origins!***

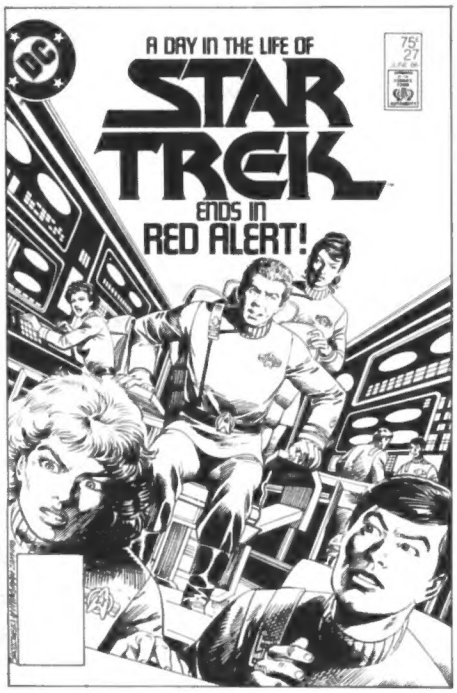
Because of the *overwhelming response* to BB's dramatic return, he's back now on a regular basis in his own ongoing monthly series! BB is a hero unlike any you see anymore: two-fisted, honest, with a sense of humor and an unswerving dedication to the cause of justice. Together with his high-flying vehicle, the ever-incredible ***Bug,*** the Blue Beetle is a force to be reckoned with—against such fantastic foes as *Firefist, The Incendiary Man,* who debuts in issue #1!

Blue Beetle also has a superb creative team. Written by Len Wein, co-creator of ***Swamp Thing*** and the ***New X-Men!*** Penciled by Paris Cullins, co-creator of the bombastic ***Blue Devil!*** And embellished by Bruce D. Patterson, late of ***Green Lantern*** fame! Together they have crafted an entire new supporting cast for BB and fistfuls of new foes, thrills, and adventures! The ***new Blue Beetle!*** Watch for him! After all, he'll be watching out for *you!*

June Listings

February 11th/March 6th

DC Comics Presents #94 —Superman, Harbinger, and Pariah find themselves menaced by Volt Lord and—Lady Quark?! Barbara Randall and Bob Greenberger, well known as **DC** editors, premiere with their first full-length story together! Penciled by Tom Mandrake, inked by Don Heck. Cover by George Pérez.



Hex #10 —*"The Sin Killers"* by Michael Fleisher. Hex battles a sinister death cult whose members worship a 1930s mass murderer who died in the electric chair. Pencils by Ron Wagner, inks by Carlos Garzon. Cover by Wagner and Pablo Marcos.

Tales of the Teen Titans #66 —Marv Wolfman reveals the secrets of Lilith's powers *and* parents in the *first issue* penciled by José Luis Garcia-Lopez. Inked by Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Marshall Rogers. *Originally presented in* ***New Teen Titans #7.***

The Legend of Wonder Woman #2 *mini-series—Part 2 of 4!* Queens Solala and Leila from the Land of Mirrors ally themselves with Wonder Woman, but there's a traitor in their midst. By Kurt Busiek. All illustrations by Trina Robbins.

Vigilante #30 –The Vigilante, caught in a mob war, sees Glitz Jefferson killed, but who's gonna tell Glitz's mob Vigilante isn't the killer? By Paul Kupperberg, penciled by Tod Smith, inked by Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Smith. *Deluxe format*

Justice League of America #251 —Batman's back to lead the world's greatest super-heroes—but can he emerge victorious over an *all-new* Despero?! Written by Gerry Conway, penciled by Luke McDonnell, inked by Bill Wray. Cover by McDonnell and Wray.

Fury of Firestorm #48 —What payment do super-heroes receive for their services? Felicity Smoak's lawyer has the answer. By Gerry Conway. Penciled by Joe Brozowski and inked by Mike Machlan. Cover by Brozowski.

The Outsiders #8 —*"Ladies' Day!"* is a book-length bonanza featuring Halo, Looker, and Katana fighting Japanese crimelords in Tokyo! Script by Mike W. Barr. Art and cover by Jan Duursema. *Deluxe format*

SF Graphic Novel #4: The Merchants of Venus—by Hugo and Nebula Award-winner Frederik Pohl. Adapted by Victoria Petersen and Neal McPheeters. A search for treasure ***and*** a fight for survival in the mysterious Heechee tunnels of Venice! Pencils, inks, and cover by Neal McPheeters!

February 18th/March 13th

Star Trek® ***#27*** —Editor Bob Greenberger, writing his first full-length story, says ... A day in the life of the Excelsior is anything *but* quiet ... yet the fireworks start! Penciled by Tom Sutton, inked by Ricardo Villagran, cover by Joe Brozowski and Villagran.

Batman #396—The climax to the Film Freak saga as Batman, Catwoman, and Robin stalk the stalker. Written by Doug Moench. All illustrations by Tom Mandrake.

Blue Beetle #1—Because ***you*** demanded it ... one of comicdom's most popular super-heroes *is back* in *his own* magazine! Len Wein's long-awaited ***premiere issue*** is penciled by Paris Cullins and inked by Bruce Patterson. Cover by Cullins and Patterson.

Elvira's House of Mystery™ #4 —*All-new stories!* Elvira bumps into a new clue for finding Cain: He had a crush on a *Frontierland Femme Fatale*. By Dennis Yee and Joey Cavalieri. Art by Stan Woch and Dick Giordano. ***Plus:*** *"Someone Is Watching Her"* by Dennis Yee and Jim Fern. A doofy wimp hounds an innocent young woman ***but*** a dead thing is watching both of them! Cover by Mark Beachum and Dick Giordano.

The Legion of Super-Heroes #23 —Mon-el, immune to his serum, is back in the Phantom Zone! But can the Legion find a cure? ***Plus:*** Superboy guest-stars! Script by Paul Levitz, pencils by Steve Lightle and Greg LaRocque, inks by Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Lightle and Larry Mahlstedt. *Deluxe format*

Secret Origins #3 —The coming of Captain Marvel—retold for the first time ever! *Shazam!* ***Plus:*** The first adventure of Dr. Sivana. By Roy Thomas, penciled by Jerry Bingham, inked by Steve Mitchell. Cover by Bingham.

Amethyst #15—Castle Amethyst is destroyed and a royal leader dies as new villains bring chaos to the Gemworld! By Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming. Penciled by Ernie Colón, inked by Karl Kesel. Cover by Colon and Kesel.

'Mazing Man #6—It's a perfect day for a game at Shea and a men's room mugging! Written by Bob Rozakis, penciled by Stephen DeStefano, and inked by Bob Smith. ***Back-up:*** Brenda's new art director is a real dreamboat—*compared to Eddie!* Karl Kesel inked this story by Rozakis ***and*** DeStefano. Cover by DeStefano and Kesel.

Superman #420 —A high school student invades Superman's dreams and turns them into deadly nightmares! Elliot S! Maggin's imaginative script is penciled by Curt Swan and inked by Dave Hunt. Cover by Denys Cowan.

Electric Warrior #2 —Five elite Electric Warriors go into *Bloodstalker Mode* and one rebels! By Doug Moench. All art by Jim Baikie. Cover by Baikie. *Deluxe format*

February 25th/March 20th

Warlord #106 —*Enter Daimon,* as Morgan is drawn ever deeper into the mystery of Shakira's past! By Michael Fleisher and Ron Randall. Cover by Tom Grindberg and Pablo Marcos.

Swamp Thing #49—In this penultimate chapter to the end of the American Gothic, Swamp Thing gathers forces to battle the monstrous evil that's vanquishing the world! Guest-starring Deadman, Demon, Phantom Stranger, and *more!* By Alan Moore, penciled by Stan Woch, inked by Alfredo Alcala. Cover by Stephen Bissette and John Totleben.

Adventures of the Outsiders #34—Looker's *baptism of fire* as she tries to rescue the captured Outsiders from The Masters of Disaster! Scripted by Mike W. Barr, penciled by Alan Davis, and inked by Paul Neary. Cover by Alan Davis.

Green Lantern Corps #201—*A new title! A new cast of characters! A new era begins* ***now!*** (If you aren't a fan yet, this is a great time to begin!) By Steve Englehart. Penciled by Joe Staton, inked by Mark Farmer. Cover by Staton and Bruce Patterson.

Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe #16 *maxi-series*—The Ms continue and the Ns begin! From Monitors to Mongul, New Gods, Night Force, Mordru, Nathaniel Dusk, and more! By the best writers and artists in the business! Cover by George Pérez and Dick Giordano.

Sgt. Rock #410—On the tail of his recent success on ***Warlord*** and ***Conan,*** Andy Kubert follows in his famous father's footsteps—penciling, lettering, and inking a full-length battle tale! Written by Robert Kanigher. Cover by Joe Kubert.

Booster Gold #5—Meet the Fascinator, a mind-bending villain! ***Plus:*** The Boostermobile! By Dan Jurgens and Mike DeCarlo.

Infinity, Inc. #27—Fury is tormented by visions of her vanquished past. *Guest-starring* The Justice Society! By Roy and Dann Thomas. Pencils by Todd McFarlane, inks by Tony DeZuniga, and a cover by McFarlane and DeZuniga. *Deluxe format.*

Blue Devil #25—In this *St. Patrick's Day Special, Mary Frances Cassidy* is searching for the treasure of the Leprechauns, and she needs the help of little brother Dan! Guest-starring Jimmy Olsen and great-uncle Seamus Cassidy. By Dan Mishkin and Gary Cohn. Penciled by Alan Kupperberg and inked by Bill Collins. Cover by Paris Cullins and Gary Martin.

The New Teen Titans #21—The Titans seem to be breaking apart! Terry Long's in deadline trouble ... Can Wonder Girl take the pressure? By Marv Wolfman, penciller Eduardo Barreto, and inker Romeo Tanghal. Painted cover by George Peréz. *Deluxe format.*

The Dark Knight #1—*Premiere of a four-part mini-series! What if ...* It's been ten years since the citizens of Gotham have seen the Caped Crusader. Robin lives *in memory only* and the crime in Gotham is getting way out of hand. *What if ...* The Dark Knight, nearing 50 years old, returns ... *What happens then?!* Frank Miller's long-awaited series is filled with hard-hitting and gritty action and the answers to lots of intriguing questions like: *Why has he been in hiding? What really happened to Robin? And who's controlling Gotham now?* Penciled by Frank Miller, inked by Klaus Janson. Colored by Lynn Varley. Cover by Miller, too! *Comic-size graphic novel!*

March 4th/March 27th

Deadman #4 *mini-series*—Can Deadman stop the evil Sensei before he kills a god!? By Andy Helfer and José Luis Garcia-Lopez. ***Last issue!***

DC Challenge #8 *maxi-series*—The Outsiders and New Gods enter as things begin to make sense—*at last!* Challengers for this issue: writer, Gerry Conway; penciller, Rick Hoberg; inker, Dick Giordano. Cover by James Fry and Giordano. *Deluxe format.*

Lords of The Ultra Realm #1 *maxi-series—First of six issues!* Introducing the remaining Princes of Darkness. Michael Savage in a new role as Falkon takes on the Prince of Madness. By Doug Moench. All art by Pat Broderick. *Deluxe format.*

The Shadow #2 *mini-series*—Hidden deep within the Himalayas, a legend is born! *For the first time anywhere,* Howard Chaykin reveals the secret origin of The Shadow! *Deluxe format.*

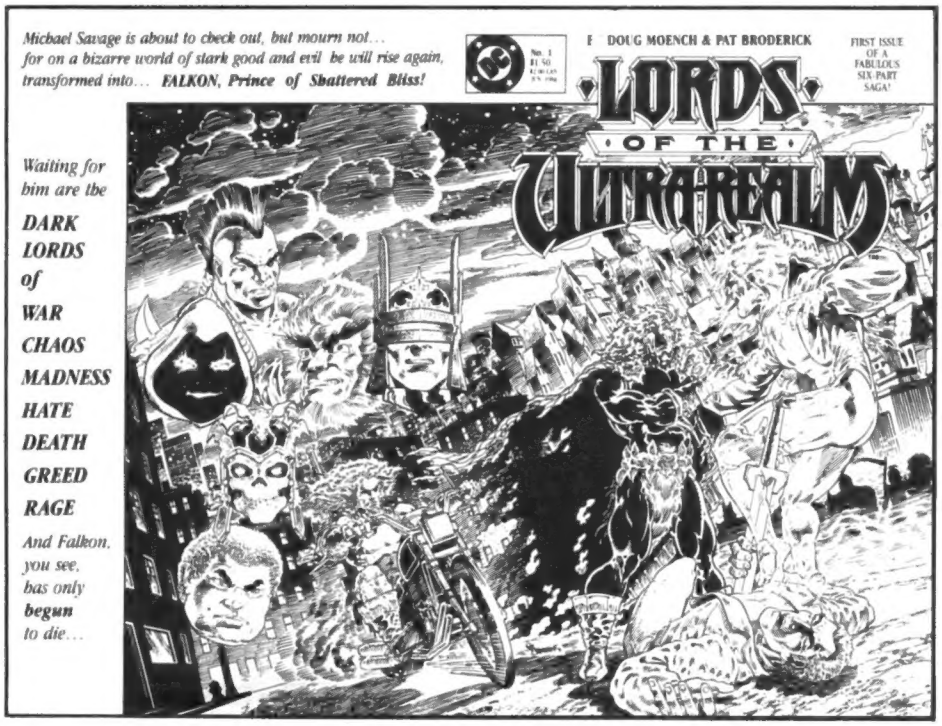
V™ #17—Elias is torn between love and honor when an ally of the Visitors' comes to him for help. *Part 1* of a special flashback issue — *the early days of the invasion!* By Paul Kupperberg, penciled by Denys Cowan, inked by Dick Giordano. Cover by Cowan and Giordano.

Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #336—The founding members take care of *"old business."* By Paul Levitz, penciled by Ernie Colon, inked by Larry Mahlstedt. ***Plus:*** The origin of Comet Queen, featuring Bouncing Boy, with illustrations by Keith Giffen and Karl Kesel! Cover by Steve Lightle and Mahlstedt.

Action #580—Superman suffers pangs of remorse over his failure to save a group of people from death! An insightful look at the *Man of Steel* by writer Robert Loren Fleming and artist Kurt Schaffenberger. ***Plus:*** Two more stories! Cover by Gil Kane.

Detective #563—The return of Two-Face in the most dramatic multi-parter of all! By Doug Moench. Penciled by Gene Colan, inked by Bob Smith. ***Plus:*** *"Green Arrow"* by Joey Cavalieri, Jerome Moore, and Del Barras. Cover by Dick Giordano.

All-Star Squadron #58—The coming of Mekanique! Is she the answer to Robotman's prayers, or the deadliest menace yet? By Roy and Dann Thomas, penciled by Arvell Jones, inked by Vince Colletta. ***Back-up:*** Johnni Thunder in Hyperspace! By Mike Clark and Jerry Acerno! Cover by Jones and Tony DeZuniga.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Graphic Novel: Merchants of Venus!

Everything worth seeing on Venus was in Venus and it all belonged to the Heechees—whoever and wherever in the galaxy they might be!

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DC People...

Happy New Year!

From All of Us at DC Comics!

I know it seems a little strange to have a New Year's message on a *June* ***DC Releases,*** but as I type this it's December 23rd, 1985. So bear with me as I express a sincere thank-you to each and every ***DC Releases*** reader for being enthusiastic (our ***Trivia Contest*** and the ***DC Pep Rally by Mail*** had a combined total of *7,251 fan responses!*), supportive (thanks for all the fan letters and suggestions), and loyal. Not to mention fun! (Many of you wrote in telling me how much you enjoyed the ***DC Anniversary Party*** in your favorite comic book store.)

Wishing you good health and happiness in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Linda Robak
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